

## Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1823

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Villanueva

**3. Committee:** General Laws

**4. Title:** Public procurement; posting by local public bodies of procurement opportunities.

**5. Summary:** The bill requires local public bodies to post required procurement notices on the Department of General Services' central electronic procurement website and makes newspaper publication or posting on other appropriate websites optional. Currently, only state public bodies are required to post procurement notices on the Department of General Services' central electronic procurement website. The bill provides, however, that no local public body shall be required to post on the Department of General Services' central electronic procurement website if (i) the amount of such contract is not expected to exceed \$100,000 or (ii) the local public body has a website for the posting of such notices and provides the website address to the Department of General Services for posting on its central electronic procurement website. The bill also requires the Department of General Services to (a) provide an electronic data file of the using agency's business opportunities at no charge to any requesting newspaper or other print publication with circulation in Virginia using the comma-separated values (CSV) format and (b) send the data file automatically via electronic mail on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis as agreed to by the parties. The bill specifies the information to be included in the data file.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** No impact to the Commonwealth.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** While the bill is preliminarily projected to present savings to local public bodies, any costs to the Commonwealth are expected to be minimal and can be absorbed within existing appropriations.

The Department of General Services (DGS) is seen as the only state agency affected by the bill and expects that any work required will be routine programming that the agency already performs to maintain agency systems to be responsive to customers.

Posting on the DGS website and making newspaper posting optional is projected to save local public bodies approximately \$650,000 to \$700,000 per year. In addition, there is no cost to local public bodies to post on DGS' central electronic website. Also, there is no cost associated to vendors to access the publicly posted notices on DGS' central electronic

website. Finally, no charges are anticipated to newspaper companies or other print publications related to the provision of advertisement information via electronic data file.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** All public bodies, the Department of General Services.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None.

**Date:** 1/23/13